

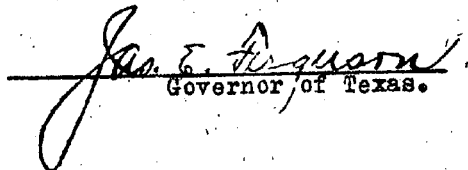
**DECLARATION OF GOVERNOR JAS. E. FERGUSON, DISAPPROVING AND
VETOING HOUSE BILL NO. 513.**

TO THE HONORABLE SECRETARY OF STATE:

This is to officially advise that I have this the 2nd day of April, 1917, disapproved and vetoed House Bill Number 513, being an Act by the Thirty-fifth Legislature; my objections being:

This bill is liquor legislation. It does not affect the territory where the sale of intoxicating liquor is permitted by law. It cannot affect the territory where intoxicating liquor is prohibited by law, because that territory is already free from the evils of the open saloon. It can only affect and prohibit the possession of intoxicating liquor by a great number of our good citizens in dry territory who might desire to have intoxicating liquor for their personal use.

Again,- this law permits any person to carry to any point in Texas a half gallon of liquor, and yet prohibits such person from having such half gallon of liquor shipped to him. It is a fundamental principle of law that what a man can do, himself, he has the right, which cannot be taken from him, to do by an agent. For this reason there is grave doubt as to whether this law is constitutional.


Governor of Texas.